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1. HEAVY PRESS COVERAGE FEB 11 CONFIRMS SUHARTO STATEMENT CRITICAL OF DIEGO GARCIA SUBSTANTIALLY AS REPORTED EARLIER (REF A). ACCORDING PRESS, PRESIDENT SAID INDONESIA IS FOLLOWING WITH DEEP CONCERN HEIGHTENING OF MILITARY ACTIVITIES BY US AND BRITISH AT DIEGO GARCIA FACILITY WHICH IS CONTRARY TO OUR (INDONESIAN) DESIRES (BERSIFAT NEGATIF TERHADAP KEINGINAN KITA). ACCORDING GOI NEWS AGENCY "ANTARA", PRESIDENT SAID THAT CAUSE OF PEACE COULD NOT BE SERVED BY AN INCREASE IN MILITARY STRENGTH, AND THAT WHAT INDONESIA NEEDED WAS TRANQUILITY AND STABILITY NEAR HER BORDERS IN ORDER TO MAKE (ECONOMIC) DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS OF NATIONS SURROUNDING HER A SUCCESS. VARIOUS ACCOUNTS AGREE THAT PRESIDENT MADE NO REFERENCE TO PRESENCE OF SOVIET NAVAL POWER. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS CAME AT INAUGURATION OF NEW AMBASSADORS TO POLAND, TANZANIA, TURKEY AND BURMA.

2. IN SCATTERED ADDITIONAL EDITORIAL COVERAGE, "BERITA YUDHA" (DEFENSE DEPARTMENT) EMPHASIZED INDONESIAN CONCERN THAT DIEGO GARCIA WOULD INVITE COMPETING ACTIVITIES FROM OTHER POWERS (SUCH AS CHINA) WHILE AFTERNOON DAILY "SINAR HARAPAN" (PROTESTANT ORIENTED) OBSERVED THAT PROBLEM OF REDUCING BASES IN INDIAN OCEAN WAS ONLY PART OF BROADER PROBLEM OF PRESENCE OF COMPETING NAVAL FORCES, BOTH SOVIET AND US. "SINAR" NOTED THAT UNTIL SOLUTION TO THIS BROADER PROBLEM ACHIEVED, INTERESTS OF STATES BORDERING INDIAN OCEAN WOULD NOT BE SERVED IF ONE SIDE WERE TO ATTAIN NAVAL SUPREMACY IN THE AREA. TOUSSAINT

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